

**NON PERM
Scientific Technician 2
METHOW FIELD OFFICE, FISH PROGRAM**

OPENS: February 2, 2010-----Closes: Feb 17, 2010

Position: Scientific Technician 2

Salary: \$2426.00 - \$3135.00 monthly Range 36

Duty Station Location: Methow Field Office

Work schedule: 40 hours per week. Typically working weekends and holidays.

There is currently several 3-months (3/15-6/15), two 6 ½ -months (3/15 – 9/30) and one 8-month non-permanent (3/15 – 11/15) Scientific Technician 2 employment opportunities with the Fish Program, Science Division located at the Methow Field Office, in Twisp, Washington, Okanogan County. **Closing date is Feb 17, 2010. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested but does not have email.**

These positions perform field work conducting steelhead and spring Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys and conduct sampling of both species as part of run evaluation and broodstock collection efforts. These positions assist with hatchery evaluation and monitoring activities. Responsibilities include walking and rafting long sections of rivers each day while counting and recording steelhead/spring Chinook salmon redds, sampling adult salmonid carcasses, observations of spawning behaviors *in situ*, and sampling juvenile and adult fish at Methow Basin hatcheries and smolt traps.

Responsibilities:

- Conducts sampling of adult steelhead/spring Chinook salmon at Wells Dam and Twisp weir during run-at-large evaluation; collects and records numerous biological data (i.e., scale samples, DNA samples, hatchery marks, etc.); safely handles and tags adult and juvenile salmonids.
- Conducts steelhead/spring Chinook salmon redd and carcass surveys in the Methow River basin.
- Collects biological data from carcasses including scales, length, sex, tissue samples, pit-tags, and coded-wire tags.
- Collects information from redds including location, date, fish presence, and GPS coordinates.
- Assists with installation, maintenance, and operation of rotary screw traps in the Methow River basin.
- Enters data into established databases and summarizes biological data for inclusion in monthly and annual reports.
- Conducts/assists with PIT tagging of adult and juvenile salmonids captured in adult and juvenile traps.

Working Conditions:

Primary fieldwork (75% -100%) is conducted in inclement conditions (i.e., snow, rain, cold, heat). Applicants must be able to, or willing to learn how to raft and walk in swift whitewater environments. Applicants may be required to use skis, snowshoes, or snowmobiles to access specific stream reaches. Positions will work hourly schedules dictated by field sampling requirements that may require overtime during busy periods. These positions will be required to regularly work a 5-8 schedule (5 eight-hour days per week) but work schedules may be altered to accomplish monitoring objectives. Position may be required to work overtime, nights, weekends, and holidays. Work may include night shifts monitoring juvenile smolt traps.

Qualifications:

Candidates must possess at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate experience in handling and sampling adult salmonids and conducting spawning ground surveys for anadromous salmonids. Candidates must currently possess a valid driver's license. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in collection of biological data.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact Charles Frady no later than February 17, 2009 by submitting the following: A completed signed State Application and Resume, via fax (509) 997-0072, or email to: Charles.Frady@dfw.wa.gov; or mail to: WDFW, Fish Program; Attention: Charles Frady 20268 Hwy 20, Twisp, WA 98856